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The Chief Electrical Engineers,
All Indian Zonal Railways.

Sub: Calling out of Signals by Loco Crew.

On 09th Aug. '16, there was a derailment in BSB division of NER, UP BCNE derailed by loco and adjoining two wagons. Preliminary report suggests that Loco Pilot (LP) has passed the starter signal 'ON' position.

Board [Member (Traction)] desires that the following practice should be followed for exchange of signals between the Loco Pilot and Assistant Loco Pilot:

ALP should call out signal by indicating the station name, signal name or number (in case of automatic) along with its aspect with HAND GESTURE (Raising hand pointing towards signal) to attract the attention of Loco Pilot for ensuring his/her alertness .

This is expected to improve alertness and reduce cases of SPAD. All Zonal Railways are advised to launch a drive to educate Locomotive Crew on above safety aspects and confirm full implementation by 15.09.16, by taking their assurance in the registers maintained in respective lobbies.

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